

**CHAPTER NO. 553**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2047**

**By Crowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2020

By Ralph Cole

AN ACT To name a certain bridge in Carter County in honor of the late Charlie and Eva Holly.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The late Charlie and Eva Holly of Carter County's Hunter community were renowned among their friends and neighbors as caring and charitable Christian people; and

WHEREAS, A produce wholesaler by trade, Mr. Holly often gave produce to families in need of assistance, and he gladly extended credit to his customers when their businesses were struggling; and

WHEREAS, A devoted homemaker, Mrs. Holly generously made her home available to unfortunate folks who were in need of a meal or a place to sleep; and

WHEREAS, An enduring legacy of the Hollys' generosity and charity remains with us today: in 1948 Charlie and Eva donated some of their homestead acreage to a group of Christian people who established and built the Hunter Memorial Baptist Church, a house of worship that is still active and vibrant in serving the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Charles Robert Holly, Sr. and Eva Kate Smith were joined in holy matrimony in 1906 and the couple's blessed union produced eleven children; and

WHEREAS, Both native and lifelong residents of Carter County, Charlie and Eva Holly purchased 12 acres of land in the Hunter community of Stoney Creek in 1932; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Holly was a devoted farmer and astute businessman; he founded the family business of Holly's Produce, which he, and later his sons, operated for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Eva Holly was loved and respected as a fine Christian lady, who was actively involved in her church and who raised her family in a loving, Christian environment; and

WHEREAS, The Carter County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge on State Route 91 as a tribute to Charlie and Eva Holly and their many good deeds and acts of kindness as everyday heroes who exemplified the great volunteer spirit of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the box bridge spanning Richardson Branch at log mile 5.2 on State Route 91 in Carter County is hereby designated as the "Charlie and Eva Holly Memorial Bridge" in memory of these two remarkable public servants and human beings.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Charlie and Eva Holly Memorial Bridge".


SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.


SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: February 7, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 16th day of February 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR